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Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket #s 98N-1230  
96P-0418  
97P-0197

Dear Food & Drug Administration:

I am writing about the issue of forced molting of laying hens. As a federal agency with jurisdiction over farming and livestock procedures, you must ban this practice. Certainly, it causes suffering in millions of birds annually. But beyond that, it jeopardizes the health of the Americans who eat the foods these birds produce.

Forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers. It has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the immune systems of the starving hens. Placing bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulating egg refrigeration temperatures is NOT enough—not when you can help prevent the bacterium in the first place.

You were petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. Please take responsibility for public health by granting the petition without further delay.

Sincerely,

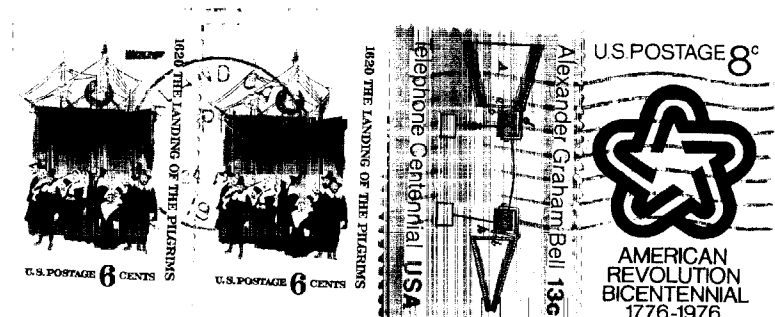


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